Reef of Death- Paul Zindel

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Summary

Arnhem and Maruul chosen as arukas or seekers by their tribe (the Morga) to find a treasure that would help the tribe from starving. Arnhem goes diving and searches for the treasure when he hears a weird noise, then sees something in the water swimming straight towards him. He wasn’t quick enough to get away from the creature that swam straight for him. The creature bit him in half and ate him in two bites.

Peter Collins otherwise known as PC lives in California when his uncle Cliff tells him about the story of the two aboriginal people. They both travel to Australia to find out what happened, what creature might be living in the Great Barrier Reef, and to try to help out the Morga tribe survive. They pick Maruul up from the hospital and go out to sea again for the second time. Maruul shows PC and his uncle where Arnhem was killed and Cliff jumps into the water and is delivered the same fate as Arnhem. Maruul and PC then become even more determined to find out what was happening and to find the treasure to save the Morga tribe. They find an older aboriginal friend of the tribe named Wally. Wally points out an abandoned ship in the water not far from where the younger people are witnessing death called The Anemone. They go to the ship and board it. After the three of them board the ship they find the two answers they are looking for:

-What killed Arnhem and Cliff?

AND

-Where the treasure is located.

Recommendation

I liked the book because it had a lot of suspense and action. The pace moved on fast enough for me to stay interested in it. The story made me want to keep reading it because of the suspense that was involved. I also liked the book because it had an interesting storyline. It wasn’t a book I wanted to put down because it had no point to it, it had something I was actually interested in the topic that was chosen for it.

I would recommend this book to people who like a lot of action and suspense, because the story has very dramatic deaths. I would also recommend this book to people who don’t like a lot of explaining of everything that is going on because the author doesn’t explain a whole lot he just starts the story with the two Morga seekers trying to find the treasure. The death of Arnhem happens almost immediately in the book and is explained with not a lot of detail but it still has enough to explain what happened. The same goes for the second and third death in the story, not a lot of explanation yet you can still picture everything that happened. People who like suspense would also like this book when it talks about the *Anemone* so much is learned and a lot happens. The ship has crazy scientists aboard it trying to find the treasure themselves for their own personal uses. The scientists control a killer fish by summoning it with a loud shriek. Once the fish hears the call he goes towards the sound until he sees his next meal. It comes from one of the deepest parts of the Great Barrier Reef and the scientists call it whenever they feel that someone else may find the treasure and take it for themselves.

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